

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 3, after paragraph [0013], please add the following new paragraph:

FIG. 7 is a further exploded perspective view showing a second embodiment of the head with an inner end that is uneven or wavy and apertures or openings to hold elongated members.

Page 3, please replace paragraph [0014] with the following new paragraph:

The following description is provided to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the invention and sets forth the best modes contemplated by the inventors of carrying out ~~his~~ their invention. Various modifications, however, will remain readily apparent to those skilled in the art, since the generic principles of the present invention have been defined herein specifically to provide for an improved and simplified water sinker device or toy 10 that is sized and dimensioned to slowly move and sink in water to simulate a squid, or the like

Pages 3 and 4, please replace paragraph [0016] with the following new paragraph:

The base or head 12 may also include a hole or opening 16 formed therein to create a ring 18 that can be opened for adjustment, along line or space 20. The head 12 and opening 16 could be circular, flat, oblong, rectangular, etc. However, in a currently preferred embodiment the head 12 and opening 16 are preferably approximately oval in shape. The base or head 12 is preferably shaped, sized and dimensioned so as to smoothly move or sink through water and may include fins. The head 12 is illustrated as having a substantially half oval, ballistic-shaped outer end 22 which would ~~floating~~ downwardly. This outer end could, of course be flattened or have a platform added thereto. The head 12 has a larger inner end 24. In one preferred embodiment of the invention, the head 12 is made from a hardened rubber material approximately 1 ½" to 2" long. The inner end ~~22~~ 24 of the head is substantially circular, and may be substantially flat, but preferably has an uneven or wavy surface with a diameter of approximately 1". The head 12 may be provided with eyes and/or facial features, and may be of any color or desired design and/or shape, with or without fins.

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Page 7, please replace paragraph [0017] with the following new paragraph:

The tail portion 14 includes a plurality of elongated members 26 removably secured to the flattened, larger inner end 24 of head 12. These members 26 may be removably inserted in apertures or openings formed in the inner end ~~22~~ 24 for easy replacement. The elongated members 26 are preferably made from a soft, lightweight material, such as silicone, rubber, or an equivalent soft plastic that floats in water. The number of elongated members 26 used in the tail portion 14 may vary, depending on the size and weight of the head 12, the length of each elongated member and the desired rate of movement and/or sinking of the toy 10 in a pool, or the like. The number of elongated members may vary between about 6 to 52, with a preferred range of from about 12 to 25. The number of elongated members 26 is selected to closely match the weight of the head so as to allow the toy 10 to slowly move and sink in water. The outer end 22 of the head 12 will be pointing generally downwardly toward the bottom of a pool, or the like, and the elongated members 26 will slowly move in water to simulate the tentacles of a squid, or the like. The elongated members 26 may take any desired shape, but are preferably substantially circular or oval in diameter with rounded outer ends. The actual tentacles used on the toy may be of different shapes, or all the same shape. For example, 50% of the tentacles on the toy 10 may be one shape while the other 50% of the tentacles may be another shape.

Pages 4 and 5, please replace paragraph [0018] with the following new paragraph:

In a currently preferred embodiment of the invention, the tail 14 comprises a set of about 16 elongated members, 8 of which are substantially circular and 8 of which are oval shaped tentacles. Each of the tentacles is about 4 1/4" about 4 5/8" in length and tapers from approximately 1/4" where they are connected to or in the inner end ~~22~~ 24 of head 12, to a rounded outer end or tip 28, about 1/8" in diameter.

Page 5, please replace paragraph [0020] with the following new paragraph:

For example, when used ~~in~~ during swimming in water, for example in a swimming pool, a person can place the sink toy 10 on one of their fingers and will be

able to paddle or swim substantially unencumbered. Also, during play in water, such as in a swimming pool, a swimmer can "spear" the sink toy 10 on a finger to "thread the needle" and capture the sink toy.